

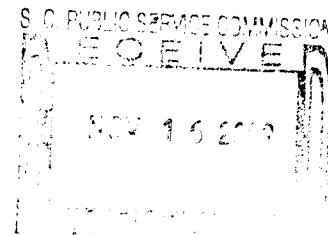
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Mr. Charles Terreni  
Chef Clerk and Administrator  
Public Service Commission of SC  
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Dear Mr. Terreni:

My group works to create opportunities for under-privileged teens and their parents in the Lower Richland area. Most of our programs are after-school-based, and are very popular because our working parents are so challenged economically. Unemployment in our minority-dominated area is high, as you can imagine during these hard times.

So I was upset to see the WIS-TV news report the other night that showed the SC PSC limiting access for poor people to a federal program that would give these people pre-paid phones and service through this out-of-state provider, TracFone. I realize you have some legal justification for doing this. But you have to balance your internal constituency needs with the larger needs of those in our state who lack so much.

Moreover, I understand that this service would not cost state taxpayers a single penny.

What's the real hang-up folks? I hope that you can work something out that is fair to everybody and enables needy people around the state to access this service. It's the only right thing to do. Thanks.

Sincerely,

  
Lawrence Moore  
President

cc: C. Dukes Scott, Exec. Director, SC Office of Regulatory Staff  
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